

The Way Into *Tikkun Olam*

Discussion Questions

- * How much of a Jew's commitments should be devoted to fixing the world, and how much should be devoted to other aspects of Judaism, like Jewish prayer, rituals, holidays, and Israel?
- * To what extent should a Jew's acts of fixing the world be devoted to Jews in need, and to what extent should a Jew's efforts be directed to the general community?
- * In what ways does Judaism make acts of fixing the world richer and deeper than they would be on humanitarian grounds alone?
- * Which of the motivations for fixing the world discussed in chapter two is most meaningful for you? Why? Which is least meaningful for you? Why?
- * In what ways do you think that the Jewish rules governing speech are unrealistic? If you think they are unrealistic, explain why. If not, discuss ways you are able to govern speech today.
- * Discuss the classical Jewish duties of spouses, parents, and children and discuss which, if any, are outdated. If they are outdated, explore how. If not, how do they need to stretch to apply to the modern realities of where family members live and how they work?
- * What factors of an ideal world, if any, would you like to add to the ones described in the last chapter? If so, what acts of fixing the world would that add to the Jewish list of how we should work to fix the world?